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SUBJECT: RELEASE OF PRISONERS UNDER EXPNANDED AMNESTY PARDON
CONTINUES; ETA MILITARY WING ISSUES COMMUNIQUE

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1. ACCORDING TO TODAY'S EL PAIS, WHICH CITES GOVT
SOURCES (THE GOS HAS MADE NO OFFICAIL STATEMENT ON THE
SUBJECT) 1,216 PRISONERS HAVE THUS FAR BEEN AFFECTED BY
THE RECENTLY APPROVED DECREE LAW BROADENING THE KING'S
AMNESTY APRDON (REFTEL) OF THESE 1,147 REPORTEDLY ARE
COMMON CRIMINALS WHO HAVE RECEIVED FULL OR PARTIAL PARDONS
750 OF WHOM HAVE ALREADY BEEN RELEASED FROM JAIL, OF
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THE REMAINING 69 CASES ADJUDUCATED THUS FAR AND INVOLVING
POLITICAL PRISONERS, 25 HAVE BEEN
RELEASED UNDER TERMS OF THE AMNESTY, WHILE 44 REMAIN
IN PRISON BECAUSE THEY ARE ALSO SERVING TIME ON OTHER,
UNAMNESTIED CHARGES. THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE 25 WHO
HAVE BEEN RELEASED REPORTEDLY ARE BASQUES.

2. MEANWHILE ETA'S RADICAL MILITARY WING THIS WEEK ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE IN SOUTHERN FRANCE, WHICH WAS THEN DISSEMINATED IN THE SPANISH BASQUE PROVINCES WHICH STATED, INTER ALIA, THAT THE GROUP WOULD LAY DOWN ITS ARMS IF THE GOVT COMPLIED WITH THE TWO CONDITIONS : TOTAL AMNESTY" WITHOUT EXCLUSIONS FROM THE COUNTRY," AND MINIMAL DEMOCRATIC LIBERTIES". THE COMMUNIQUE WENT ON TO DEFINE "MINIMAL DEMOCRATIC LIBERTIES AS: ABSOLUTE FREEDOM OF ASSEMBLY ASSOCIATION AND EXPRESSION OF ALL BASQUE POLITICAL TENDENCIES THE RIGHT TO HOLD PUBLIC RALLIES AND DEMONSTRATIONS: EQUAL ACCESS FOR ALL BASQUE POLITICAL FORCES TO THE STATE CONTROLLED MEDIA, AND STATE FINANCING FOR BASQUE POLITICAL PARTIES.

3. COMMENT: THE GOV HAS NOT RESPONDED PUBLICLY TO THIS COMMUNIQUE AND IT OBVIOUSLY IS QUITE A LARGE ORDER. PARTICULARLY SINCE "TOTAL" AMNESTY EXTENDING TO THOSE INVOLVED IN BLOOD CRIMES WITHOUT INVOLVING THEIR EXPULSION FROM THE COUNTRY, IS ALMOST OUT OF THE QUESTION, AND THE CHECK LIST OF "MINIMAL LIBERTIES EVEN INVOLVING SUPPORT FOR BASQUE EXTREMIST GROUPS WHICH ADVOCATE THE FULL INDEPENDENCE OF "EUSKADI" IT IS NOTEWORTHY HOWEVER, THAT THE "MILIS", THE MOST VIOLENT OF ALL ETA GROUPS SHOULD DISSEMINATE SUCH A COMMUNIQUE AT ALL. EATON

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